

ALL DEPENDS
ON THE KING

Whether England Will Have
Political Peace From Now on

GEORGE IS NOT COMMITTED

Business Interests Are Bitterly Com-
plaining of the Constant Agitation.
Opposing Forces Are to-day
Unchanged.

London, Dec. 16.—The general parlia-
mentary elections to-day left the oppos-
ing forces where they stood before dis-
solution, with an insufficient liberal ma-
jority to overwhelm the conservatives,
so that whether England has political
peace rests on the question whether
King George creates enough liberal pres-
sure to give the liberal government control.
The king has not indicated what his ac-
tion will be, but it is believed that he
will refuse. Business interests are bit-
terly complaining of the constant agita-
tion.

Late returns increased the allies' ma-
jority over the conservatives by 104.
Only 20 more seats are to be filled. So
far this means a net gain for the con-
servation over the liberal party in the
parliamentary election of one. The stand-
ing to-day is as follows:—

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| Conservatives | 264 |
| Liberals and Laborites | 301 |
| Nationalists | 67 |
| Independents | 9 |

KICKING WOMAN HELD.

Victoria Griffin to Be Sent to New
Hampshire Asylum.

Exeter, N. H., Dec. 16.—There came
to Exeter last summer from Stratham,
after a previous short residence in New-
fields, a woman who gradually gained
fame for her propensity to strike and
kick. From time to time pedestrians
in various sections of the town have suf-
fered at her hands or feet, but as the
police could gain no actual knowledge
and as no complaint was preferred the
woman has gone her way unmolested.

Yesterday, on her threats to use weap-
ons more deadly than those endowed by
nature, the police took decisive action.
The woman was with some difficulty
arrested yesterday afternoon on Salem
street by officer Beverly S. McLaughlin
and examined at the police station.

There two physicians adjudged her
mentally deranged, and she will be taken
to the state asylum at Concord. She
was so violent at the station that it was
necessary to handcuff her. For safe-
keeping she was last night lodged at the
jail.

The woman declined to answer ques-
tions. She is known here as Victoria
Griffin and is about 45 years old. She
is thought to have lived in the South.
In Exeter she has lived in the Lincoln
house.

MOORE WAS OUTCASSED.

Defeated by Tommy Murphy in "Mill"
at New York.

New York, Dec. 16.—Tommy Murphy,
Harlem's pride, stepped back into the
lightweight championship zone over the
reputation, the face and body of Pal
Moore at the Empire A. C. last night.
He made a garrison finish in the 10th
round that sent the chances of Moore
to win as high as the record of Gilroy's
kiss.

Up to the fatal 10th, Moore had a
chance to win, but the combined clever-
ness, courage and hitting ability of Mur-
phy sent him away back into the class
of failures.

Murphy, bleeding from an ear, with
split lips and in many ways damaged,
but with courage of the kind that makes
the Irish race dominant in a scrap,
waded into Pal and made him feel that
a downy pillow would be too hard for
his face to touch for many a day.

Pal was within the shadow of being
knocked out, and he was glad when the
bell rang that ended the mugging.

STAR POINTER DEAD.

Famous Pacer Died of Apoplexy at Co-
lumbia, Tenn.

Columbia, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Star Pointer,
1:34 1/4, is dead. The famous pacer
dropped dead yesterday of apoplexy in
the paddock at the farm here of his
owner, W. M. Williams, where he was
a pensioner, having been purchased by
Mr. Williams a few months ago in or-
der to give the great old horse the honor
of dying in the state that gave him
birth.

He was 21 years old, was sired by
Brown Hall, dam Sweepstakes, by Snow
Heels, and had in the course of his car-
eer in the stud sired 19 record pacers,
two of his sons siring 13 pacers, and two
of his sons siring 13 pacers, including
Morning Star, 2:04, and Sirius Point-
er, 2:18. Star Pointer was bred by H. T.
Pointer of Spring Hill, Tenn., and
had been owned by J. W. Titley of
Chillicothe, Tenn., Smith and Mills of Bos-
ton, and Joseph A. Murphy of Chicago.

He took his record on Aug. 28, 1897,
at Readville, Mass., thus giving the
light harness horse turf its first "two
minute" track and performer.

Human Nature.

Pat was being shown an incubator by
one of his friends who had recently re-
moved to the suburbs. He took great
interest in all of the details and ex-
amined everything with great care.
Then, as he looked at about a hundred
young chickens that had just been
hatched, with an awed expression he
said: "Human nature is a funny thing,
after all."—Everybody's for December.

A Success.

Ryker—I attended a successful
slight-of-hand performance last night.
Ryker—Really.
Ryker—Yes, I lent a conjurer a coun-
terfeit half-dollar, and he gave me back
a good one.—Tit-Bits.

COOK "COMES BACK"
IN MAGAZINE STORY

Arctic Explorer Lays Foundation for
the Defense of His Honesty In
Believing He Discovered the
North Pole.

New York, Dec. 16.—"No one should
discredit me until he knows what I
endured the two and a half years of
arctic experience—until he hangers with
me, freezes with me, shudders with me
in the specter-ridden arctic night and
grows mad with me in the glaring, burn-
ing, long and crackling arctic day. Not
until then can he understand my mutual
condition at the time and appreciate
just how I feel now and what I believe
to be true."

In these words does Dr. Frederick A.
Cook, in the first installment of his
"own story" in the January number of
Hampton's Magazine, issued to-day, lay
the groundwork for his defense, not of
his north pole discovery claim, which
he now admits may be without merit,
but of his honesty in believing that he
accomplished this marvelous feat.

"I did believe in myself, honestly
and sincerely, if I felt convinced of my
claim when I reached Copenhagen and
later New York," the explorer says, "is
it just to call me the world's most in-
trepid fakir, a common, deliberate swin-
dler? Unconsciously I may have made
statements which I myself now ques-
tion. That is inexcusable. But most
emphatically and positively, I am not
a thief; most certainly there was no
plan to hoax the world to my own finan-
cial profit."

Dr. Cook says that he has been ac-
cused of being a colossal liar and yet
that many lies have been told on him.
He cites the gum drop story as a sample.
He says he took no gum drops with
him and never heard the story until he
got to New York. Cook says that the
trip was not undertaken for scientific
attainment. "It was a personal con-
quest, in which I expected only the re-
turn due a pathfinder."

Continuing, Dr. Cook says: "I shall
not give in this story my scientific ob-
servations. They have been published
and scientific authorities have rejected
them as inadequate. It may seem a curi-
ous thing, as so much is made of fig-
ures—which can be manufactured by the
ream—for me to say that figures of in-
terest to me were only self-convin-
cing. But I am telling the truth, as
I see it frankly."

"My conviction that I reached the
pole never was based solely upon ob-
servations, figures or mathematical cal-
culations. I did take these, of course.
Sometimes I took them hastily, again
working them out with most painstaking
accuracy. Sometimes my mind was
clear as crystal, again I was dazed with
hunger, thirst and cold. These figures
did not convince me of my achieve-
ment. They only corroborated my inner
conviction of progress."

"Was my inner conviction that I at-
tained the pole insane? Perhaps. Which
raises the whole problem of the border-
line of sanity. I was, I feel, no more
insane than any man who frantically
pursues an ideal—an ideal which may
seem hair-brained to the practical man
and who finally to himself, if to no
other, is satisfied that he has accom-
plished his desire. My conviction may
be beyond the bounds of reason. Some-
times now I feel that it is. Again I
do not. I do not know. Moreover, and
especially since I have viewed men from
a peculiarly suspicious, though unen-
viable angle of late, I have been im-
pressed with the stability, the illogical-
ity of all human reason."

As an illustration of the peculiar ef-
fect the far north has on one, Dr. Cook
says that after leaving Haiberg Land,
the "fantastic unrealities of the north
began to manifest themselves most
peaks of snow were transformed into
volcanoes, belching smoke out of the
pearly snow were numerous cities, with
fair castles, huge castles, misshapen
and grotesque, writhed along the horizon.
These spectral denizens of the north
accompanied us during the entire jour-
ney and when fagged of brain and
sapped of bodily strength, I felt my
mind swimming in a sea of half-con-
sciousness, they filled me almost with
horror, impressing me as the monsters
one sees in a nightmare."

BITE KILLS HUMANE AGENT.

Man Who Preached Kindness to Animals
Dies of Hydrophobia.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 16.—Charles F.
Richards, 48 years old, local agent for
the New Hampshire Women's Humane
society, died of hydrophobia here yester-
day.

He was taken ill Monday with pneu-
monia, and Wednesday morning symp-
toms of hydrophobia developed. He was
bitten by a dog three years ago.

"WHY IS A FLY?"

American Civic Association Discussing
It From Health Standpoint.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The
American Civic association, at its an-
nual meeting to-day, discussed the house
fly from a health standpoint. Dr. Wood
Hutchinson opened his address with
"Why is a fly?" Dr. L. O. Howard
talked about the typhoid fly.

BEAT WOMAN TO DEATH.

Richmond, Va., Scene of Brutal Crime
To-day.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16.—John J.
Smith, white, and Harry Segington, col-
ored, to-day beat an aged woman to
death here.

Two Each Way.

"Madam"—an Oklahoma census taker
was speaking to her who answered his
question: "How many children over six
and under twenty-one years of age have
you?"

"Lemme see," she reflected. "Lemme
see. Wal, sir, that be two over six an'
two under twenty-one."—Everybody's
for December.

Strings and fittings for all instruments
at Goodfellow's.

GROOM KILLS
HIS BEST MAN

Norman Gates Fatally Shot in
Philadelphia This Morning

HE EXONERATED SHOOTER

Latter Was James Black, Who Had Just
Figured in an Elopement and Secret
Wedding, Which Event the
Two Were Celebrating.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Norman Gates
was shot and fatally injured early this
morning after an all-night celebration
of the elopement and secret wedding
of James Black. The latter was the
shooter, and Gates was his chum, as
well as his best man at the wedding.
The shooting took place in a saloon, af-
ter both the men had been drinking heav-
ily. It is said that the revolver was
accidentally exploded. Yates, while dy-
ing, exonerated Black from blame in the
matter, but in spite of his statement,
the police later arrested the bridegroom
of the elopement.

FIFTH DROWNING IN FAMILY.

Maine Man Caught in Ice On Way to
Visit Sick Wife.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 16.—Last of five
brothers and sisters, all of whom had
met death by drowning, William Pow-
ers of Medway, was drowned through the
ice in the North Twin lake yester-
day while on his way out of the woods
to visit his sick wife. The body was
recovered and sent to the sorrowing
home in Medway, where Powers' bed-
ridden wife and two children, with the
assistance of sympathetic neighbors, are
preparing for the victim's funeral.

Accompanied by George H. Michaud of
Oldtown, Powers started yesterday
morning from the camp in the woods,
where he had been working, for his
home to see his sick wife. In crossing
North Twin lake they encountered a
streak of new ice, too weak to hold
them and were thrown into the water
beneath. Michaud managed to regain
the solid ice, but Powers drowned be-
fore his companion could help him.

A Busy Day.

Marie belonged to the real Consumers'
league. And she consumed prettily and
viciously. It wasn't bad air that suf-
focated her soul. It was no air.

She thought she was breathing, how-
ever, and breathing fast. Why, it was
half-past eleven before she got back
down-town from her sailor, and she
submerged a wedding present till one, and
she was just finished and ran to a tea-
room, but she had hardly touched a
mouthful when she remembered there
was a girl from out of town who had
come in to spend a month doing nothing
and had to be helped, but though she
rushed to the phone she couldn't get her
friend before it was time to catch her
suburban train home; in order to do
which she jumped into the station "bas,
only to remember she had forgotten to
buy a ribbon, for her Siamese costume
for the benefit ball; but it was too late
now and she spent her time going out
on the train trying to think of some
way of getting along without it, and
her head began to ache; but luckily she
met some of the girls on her way from
the station to her high school, and they
alumni reunion and they began to tell
her how to do it; but she had to hurry
away because she had promised to go
to the house of one of the girls and do
stencil patterns, which started to be
beautiful, but before she could get any
of them really done she recollected that
Chunk Brown had sent over a bunch of
new songs and was coming to call to-
night and she had to go to her room
and practice "June time is moon time
and time and spoon time," as well as
"The grass is blue or little Sue" till
there was just one hour left before din-
ner and she was perfectly crazy over
the new "do" which one of the girls
had showed her and she rushed upstairs
and went at that and by dinner time
she had got it almost right, so that
father told her always to do her hair
like that and brother wished he had it
down at the factory to replace a broken
dynamo brush, while as for Chunk he
was never than ever till he learned he
had to take her to a rehearsal of the
Siamese group for the benefit ball; so
that, what with having to coax him to
go and what with changing her costume,
she got to the rehearsal so tired she
couldn't stand up to go through the fig-
ures till she caught sight of the cele-
brated esthetic, the Swami Ram Chandra
Gunga Din, who was there to hand out
the right slants about oriental effects,
and who had persuaded Marie there was
great consolation to be found in realiz-
ing that life is a spiral and that there-
fore you can't make progress straight
up, but must go round and round
through rhythmic alternations of joy
and sorrow, which caused Chunk to re-
lapse again from his attentiveness, but
which pleased Marie greatly because she
was always unhappy in between two
periods of happiness and therefore felt
she was getting along the spiral and into
entirely pretty well till it was eleven
o'clock and she walked Chunk up out of
a chair in the hall and made him take
her home; and he said the Swami was
a very clever man and she said American
men had no culture and didn't under-
stand women, and Chunk didn't even say
good night to her, and she went to sleep
crying, and remembering she hadn't, af-
ter all, learned from the girls how to get
along without that ribbon in her cos-
tume and she must get up early and
buy it, which made her utter one final
little plaintive snuffle of vexation.—Ev-
erybody's for December.

Continued in Our Next.

Mr. Editor: In reply to Mr. McNeill's
last night's item, my name is Melburn,
and now if Mr. McNeill will kindly state
the position he takes in regard to run-
ning a union shop, I will be greatly ob-
liged.

A member of the union.

ARRESTED IN ALBANY.

Man Wanted by Burlington Police for
Horse Stealing.

Burlington, Dec. 16.—William H.
O'Neill, wanted in this city on a number
of charges, the principal one of which
is horse stealing, has been arrested in
Albany, N. Y., for passing worthless
checks. He had done an excellent busi-
ness in the capital city for a few days
and had stung so many merchants that
a general police alarm had been sent
out.

O'Neill two months ago stole a horse
and buggy from the Stacy Livery com-
pany and afterward sold it to Hiram
Willey of Essex Junction. He pretended
at the time he was an apple buyer. The
sheriff was notified at the time but
O'Neill made his escape before the offi-
cers could reach him.

The man is only 20 years of age but
has a long criminal record, having passed
only a few months since his childhood
outside of institutions. He was born in
either this city or South Burlington and
was adopted by a man named Wheeler,
who tried to bring him up.

Among other things, he is wanted in
Plattsburgh for forgery and for stealing
a bicycle, and in North Adams for for-
gery under the names of Wheeler, O'Neill,
Weaver, Spencer and a few others,
which, with his Albany and Vermont
charges, will keep him in custody for
some time.

PRIEST SAVED CHILDREN

By Holding Them Suspended Over River
While Train Passed.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 16.—Two girls,
Mary Burns and Rose Anslow, who live
in McGregorville, were undoubtedly
have been crushed to death beneath the
car wheels of a passing train yester-
day on the railroad bridge at Kellys
Falls but for the prompt action of Rev.
Fr. Bertrand Dolan of Cambridge, Mass.,
attached to St. Anselm's college.

The children were sitting on the bridge
watching some older companions who
were skating on the river below, when
suddenly the train bore down upon them.
The girls either did not notice its ap-
proach or were so overcome by fright
as to be unable to run out of danger.

The priest, who was passing, unthink-
ing of the danger to himself, dashed up
on the bridge, and standing upon a foot-
hold so narrow that the engine grazed
his clothing, and swinging them out
over the river, held them suspended un-
til the train had passed.

The action of the clergyman is de-
scribed by witnesses as most heroic, as
he was in danger of death.

IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF.

Case of Timber Land Trespass in Cal-
donia County Court.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 16.—After over
a week's trial the case of Edward Lee vs.
Borden & Peck was decided in Cal-
donia county court yesterday afternoon
in favor of the plaintiff to recover \$1,
050 damages and costs. The jury was
out four hours. The case was over al-
leged trespass on timber land.

The next case called was that of gen-
eral assumpsit and note brought by the
Woodville Guaranty Savings bank vs.
B. M. Ricker, J. M. Blanchard & Tr.
This case was entered discontinued as to
Blanchard. Fred S. Wright of Wood-
ville and E. S. Smith of Wells River
appeared for the plaintiff bank, and
Elisba May and Edwin Cook for the de-
fendant Ricker. The plaintiff put in its
evidence yesterday afternoon.

The next case on the jury list for trial
is the assumpsit case of Pierce Jones
& Co. vs. J. F. Conant. This is a hard-
wood case. J. E. Ballard appeared for
the plaintiff company and Melvin G.
Moore for the defendant.

BROUGHT FROM CALIFORNIA.

Matthew Stein, Who Is Charged With
Embezzlement.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 16.—Matthew
Stein, who was in the diamond and
hauling business until July 4 last,
on North Main street as Stein & Olin,
was locked up here last night at police
headquarters on a charge of embezzle-
ment. He came in on the evening train
from Los Angeles, Cal., in custody of
Capt. Nickerson and Inspector Godfrey
of this city, who went to the Pacific
slope 15 days ago to make the arrest.
Stein had gone into business on his own
account in Los Angeles.

The prisoner made no fight against the
requisition from this state. The prop-
erty which Stein is charged with em-
bezzling comprises a diamond brooch and
a diamond pin, which Mrs. Ida Olin,
wife of the prisoner's partner, claims
as her own. The police promise sensa-
tional developments when the case goes
to the higher court.

LIBERTY CONFINED.

St. Johnsbury Man Charged With Il-
legal Liquor Selling.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 16.—John Liberty
was arrested yesterday afternoon by
Deputy Sheriff Fred S. Harriman on the
charge of selling intoxicating liquor
without license. He has in his posses-
sion a considerable quantity of whiskey
and alcohol. Bail in the case was fixed
at \$300, which the respondent did not
furnish, and he was lodged in the coun-
ty jail to await a hearing next Wednes-
day.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Pork barrels, large and small, land
tubs recently emptied, at L. M. Averill's.
See Miss Lawrence, the former Bio-
graph girl, in an L. M. picture at the
Bijou.

One high-grade banjo, new, at two-
thirds price; one guitar at a bargain;
one banjo case, at L. M. Averill's.

Melvin F. Wood, who is confined to
the City Hospital with typhoid pneu-
monia, is gradually recovering his health.
Stewart parlor cook stove, good as
new, a "square deal" on a square stove
of the most popular make. Several
cast-iron heaters, one parlor Cook. At
2:30 p. m. Over Eastern Estate Tea Co.,
L. M. Averill.

His Point of View.

The poet led his friend the politician
to the top of New York's tallest tower,
to admire the view. The man of politics
seemed to be stunned for a moment by the
beauty of the far-flung panorama; then
he spoke in a low, reverent voice: "Gee!
what a lot of assembly districts you
can see from here."—Everybody's for
December.

DEATH ENTERS
LEGISLATURE

Representative Pierce of
Mendon Found Dead in Bed

DUE TO HEART TROUBLE

He Had Had One Previous Attack and
Was in Hospital for a Few
Days—Legislature Puts in
Hard Day's Work.

Erastus Munson Pierce, representative
from the town of Mendon, Rutland coun-
ty, in the Vermont legislature, was
found dead in his bed this morning at
his boarding-place, C. B. McAllister's,
on Elm street in Montpelier. Mr. Pierce
had had a heart trouble for some time,
and early in the session was taken to
Heaton hospital for treatment, and he
recovered in a few days.

The death was announced in the House
this forenoon by Mr. Rowland of Poult-
ney, who offered the following resolution:

"Resolved by the Senate and House
of Representatives, That this house has
learned with deep sorrow of the death
of Erastus Munson Pierce, who was
elected representative from the town of
Mendon; and resolved, that while rever-
ently bowing to the decree of the Divine
Master of life and death, we desire to
express the sense of loss we feel, our
appreciation of his useful and honorable
life, and our deep sympathy for his
bereaved family and friends:

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolu-
tions be forwarded by the clerk of the
House to the family of the deceased;
and further resolved, that the speaker of
the House appoint a committee of three
to attend the funeral."

Mr. Pierce was born in Beekmantown,
N. Y., on August 21, 1838, and he located
in Mendon in 1860. His occupation was
that of a farmer. He was a veteran of
the Civil war, being first sergeant and
then second lieutenant of Co. E, 96th
Reg., N. Y. Vols., from 1861 to 1863.
Since moving to Mendon he had been
road commissioner, school director and
selectman, having held the latter posi-
tion for five successive years. He was
a Republican in politics.

Governor Mead announced to the
House this morning that he had signed
the following bill. Provision for the
construction of a highway from Norton
to Brighton, incorporating the Congrega-
tional society of Middlebury, to pay
James E. Cushman for work and interest
on repairing the Sand Bar bridge in
Lake Champlain, providing for the repair
or rebuilding of any state institution
damaged by fire, to incorporate the
Green Mount Cemetery association at
Stark's burying ground, to amend the vil-
lage of Cabot, to establish the office of
state ornithologist, to establish a state
board of examiners of embalmers.

To the Senate Gov. Mead announced
he had signed the following measures:
An act amending section of the automo-
bile law regarding rating of automobiles
and motor vehicles and an act relating
to ballots cast at caucuses.

Both houses this morning adopted a
joint resolution providing for a joint ses-
sion at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon to
elect a commissioner of weights and
measures. There are about a dozen can-
didates and it will probably require sev-
eral ballots to make a choice.

The Senate this morning had fun with
the bill requiring lights to be carried
on horse-drawn vehicles. A motion to
strike out the enacting clause was de-
feated by a yeas and nays vote. Another
yeas and nays vote was taken on a propo-
sition to reduce the fine from \$5 to \$1,
and the bill was finally ordered to lie.
The House devoted considerable time
to a discussion of the bill to allow wom-
en to vote on liquor license matters,
lengthy speeches in its favor being made
by Mr. Hunt of New Haven and Mr.
Williams of Portland. An attempt was
made by Mr. Kennedy of Williston to
take the force out of the bill, but it
failed, and then the bill was ordered to
a third reading.

New Bills in the House.

The following bills were introduced in
the House to-day:—

From the committee on education, to
amend section 1084 and section 1095 as
amended by No. 47 of the acts of 1908,
and to repeal section 1096 of the public
statutes, relating to the distribution of
state school funds; from the committee
on highways and bridges, granting a
ferry to A. J. Cook at Larabee's point
in Shoreham; from the general commit-
tee, to prevent the manufacture, sale
or use of gun silencers; from joint com-
mittee on public health, to provide for
the registration of nurses; by Mr. Bell
of Lunenburg, to provide for a bridge
over the Connecticut river at Lunenburg,
and making appropriation therefor; by
Mr. Battell of Middlebury, to promote
conservation of forests and the prevention
of forest fires.

From the judiciary committee, to
amend sections 2279 and 2305 of the
public statutes, relating to recognizance
in criminal cases and repealing sections
2303 and 3332 of the public statutes,
from the judiciary committee, an act to
authorize the city of Burlington to ac-
quire and hold land on the shore of
Lake Champlain; empowers city to ac-
quire land for a public park and legiti-
mate city purposes, and to issue bonds
not to exceed \$18,000.

When the Senate got hold of the holi-
day adjournment resolution yesterday
afternoon, it promptly amended the
same by making the recess begin at the
close of work this week and that it
continue for two weeks, or to Tuesday,
January 3, at 7:30 p. m. The House had
voted yesterday morning not to quit
work till the end of next week, but when
the resolution came back yesterday af-
ternoon, with the Senate amendment, the
House, by a big majority, adopted the
amendment, so that the legislature will
lay off for two weeks instead of one,
with mileage but no pay.

But while insisting on this proposal
of amendment, the Senate did take back-
water on the weights and measures bill,
receding from its demand for the ap-
pointment of the commissioner of
weights and measures by the governor
and also from its demand that the com-

VESSELS ARE
IN STRESS

Driven Ashore During Night's
Fierce Storm

RESCUE TUGS ARE BUSY

Storm Began to Abate This Morning,
After Holding High Carnival All
Night—Shipping Generally
Sought Shelter.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The Atlantic coast
was swept by a severe storm last night,
and many vessels were in peril. The
schooner Thomas Garland went ashore
on Great Point, Nantucket, during the
terrible gale. The crew were rescued, but
it is probable that the schooner will be
a total loss. From Chatham comes the
report that a three-masted schooner gave
signals of distress off Old Harbor, and
tugs were sent to the aid of the ves-
sel. Another vessel was anchored in
distress near Shoal shoal, and the ves-
sels cutter Greengrass was sent to the
aid of the unknown.

Shipping generally, however, sought
refuge in the ports. The gale which
lasted all night is abating to-day. All
along the shore storm signals were dis-
played, and the smaller craft of every
description sped for shelter when the
prediction of the storm warning began
to be realized. The fall of snow was not
heavy. At 10:30 last night, high tide,
the waves swept the boulevard at Win-
throp, flooding the streets, and at Nan-
tasket and Revere there was similar
trouble.

Coldest Day of Year.

To-day is the coldest and last night's
gale the worst of the winter so far.
The mercury was around zero this
morning and the gale endangered ship-
ping, which was sheltered in every port.
Bert Griffin and William Moody, sailors
on the schooner Palmer, lost their way
this morning in the gale, while trying
to row to the schooner. They were